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SUBJECT: CCD 1977 SUMMER SESSION: GUIDANCE FOR US  
DELEGATION

1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GENERAL GUIDANCE ON US POSTURE AT THE CCD AND ON SUBJECTS EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE SUMMER SESSION, INCLUDING: COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, CHEMICAL WEAPONS, MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS, COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM AND UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. GENERAL - THE ADMINISTRATION HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED POLICY REVIEWS ON THE TWO ARMS CONTROL ISSUES GIVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY BY THE CCD, COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AND PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. WE ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN WORKING GROUPS WITH THE SOVIETS ON BOTH THESE ISSUES AND WITH THE UK ON CTB. ON BOTH ISSUES WE WILL SEEK TO REACH SOME MEASURE OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS AS A BASIS FOR EVENTUAL NEGOTIATION OF A TREATY TEXT IN THE CCD. SINCE THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE IN THEIR EARLY STAGES, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME. IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE CONSULTATIONS, THE DELEGATION SHOULD AVOID PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS, INCLUDING POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE US  
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AND OTHERS ON UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS. WE ARE HOPEFUL, HOWEVER, THAT SUFFICIENT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN THE WORKING GROUPS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE SESSION TO ALLOW THE US DELEGATION TO BEGIN TO MAKE SOME POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CCD DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES. DEPENDING ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS, THE US REPRESENTATIVE MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE A PROGRESS REPORT TO THE CCD. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED AS NEEDED.

THE US DELEGATION SHOULD STRIVE TO SET A POSITIVE AND PROGRESSIVE TONE IN DISCUSSIONS AT THIS CCD SESSION CONSISTENT WITH THE HIGH PRIORITY THE PRESIDENT HAS ASSIGNED TO ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION. IT SHOULD STRESS THAT NEW APPROACHES AND IDEAS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED ON SOME ISSUES AND THAT WE ARE MOVING AHEAD AGGRESSIVELY TOWARD SOLUTIONS TO THESE AND OTHER PRESSING ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT PROBLEMS.

DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF MULTILATERAL PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATING ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS. IT SHOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE TO OUR ALLIES THAT WE DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE ACTIVE DIALOGUE ON ARMS CONTROL ISSUES ACHIEVED DURING THE 1977 SPRING SESSION AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK WESTERN CONSENSUS ON BOTH SUBSTANCE AND TACTICS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED,

HOWEVER, THAT THROUGH THIS PROCESS IT IS NOT OUR INTENT TO DISCOURAGE ALTERNATIVE OPINIONS OR APPROACHES ON ISSUES, OR TO HIDE GENUINE DIFFERENCES. WE WISH TO HAVE A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSITIONS OF EACH ALLY AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES BETWEEN THE US AND ITS ALLIES, INCLUDING JAPAN.

3. COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) - INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE  
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CONVEYED SEPTTEL.

4. CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) - DURING THE SUMMER SESSION, EXPECTATIONS ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE REGARDING INITIATION OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON CW. THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE TO WIN TIME FOR US-SOVIET CW CONSULTATIONS TO PRODUCE A JOINT INITIATIVE AND TO DO SO IN A MANNER WHICH MAINTAINS A CLIMATE IN WHICH OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE RECEPTIVE TOUCH AN INITIATIVE. THE DELEGATION SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT WE EXPECT INTENSIVE US-SOVIET WORK ON THE TEXT OF A JOINT INITIATIVE TO GET UNDERWAY EARLY IN THE SUMMER SESSION BUT AVOID SPECULATION ON WHEN THE JOINT INITIATIVE MIGHT BE INTRODUCED.

AS EVIDENCE OF US WILLINGNESS TO WORK ACTIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY ON THE CW ISSUE, THE DELEGATION MAY PROPOSE THE INCLUSION OF INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE CCD ON CW IN THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER SESSION. HOWEVER, THE DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK TO ENSURE THAT THE MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE VERY END OF THE SESSION. THIS WOULD PROVIDE AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE FOR THE US-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD A COMMON APPROACH BEFORE WE HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CCD DISCUSSION AT WHICH THE QUESTION OF SETTING UP A CCD NEGOTIATING WORKING GROUP WOULD BE ADDRESSED.

THE DELEGATION MAY INDICATE EARLY IN THE SESSION THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO AGREE TO ESTABLISHING A NEGOTIATING WORKING GROUP ON CW AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT IN VIEW OF THE ACTIVE US-SOVIET EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A COMMON APPROACH WE BELIEVE EARLY EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A CCD WORKING GROUP WOULD BE PREMATURE. THE DELEGATION  
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SHOULD COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH THE SOVIET DELEGATION IN DEALING WITH THIS PROCEDURAL ISSUE AND SHOULD SEEK PRIVATELY TO PERSUADE THE KEY PROPONENTS, PARTICULARLY THE ITALIAN AND UK REPRESENTATIVE, THAT THE TIME IS NOT YET RIPE FOR SETTING UP A WORKING GROUP.

WE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER THAT THE INFORMAL MEETING ON CW NOT BE AN "INFORMAL MEETING WITH EXPERTS" ALONG THE LINES PREVIOUSLY HELD. RATER IT SHOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE INFORMAL MEETING HELD ON CTB DURING THE SPRING SESSION. THE CW EXPERTS MEETING HELD DURING THE SPRING SESSION DEMONSTRATED THAT AT THIS STAGE THERE IS RELATIVELY LITTLE WHICH CAN USEFULLY BE ADDED ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF CW ISSUES. THE US WOULD HAVE LITTLE NEW INFORMATION TO CONTRIBUTE AT AN EXPERTS MEETING.

DELEGATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO COMMENT ON THE UK DRAFT CONVENTION. IN PARTICULAR, THE DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK TO ENGAGE THE CCD IN SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF VERIFICATION QUESTIONS.

TENTATIVE PLANS ARE TO MAKE A PLENARY STATEMENT ON CW ISSUES IN MID-SESSION. GUIDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY.

GUIDANCE CONCERNING US-USSR DISCUSSIONS WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY. HOWEVER, THE DELEGATION MAY INDICATE TO THE SOVIETS THAT WE CONTINUE TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A JOINT INITIATIVE.

5. MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW)/RADIOLOGICAL WARFARE  
5- MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW)/RADIOLOGICAL WARFARE (RW) - FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT BANNING "NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS" (MDW). THERE HAVE BEEN THREE MEETINGS OF EXPERTS ON MDW  
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AT THE CCD. THE US DID NOT SEND AN EXPERT TO THE MEETING IN THE SPRING OF 1976, BUT DID SO AT MEETINGS HELD LAST SUMMER AND THIS SPRING. AT THESE MEETINGS WE MADE CLEAR OUR SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE PREVIOUSLY ADVANCED MDW IDEAS AND OUR CONCERN THAT CERTAIN SPECIFIC ACTIONS PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS MIGHT CALL INTO QUESTION THE VALIDITY OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS, E.G. THE BW CONVENTION. THE SOVIETS WERE UNABLE TO ALLAY ALL OF OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THEIR PROPOSAL BUT WHEN THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED AT MOSCOW DURING THE VANCE VISIT THEY CITED OUR RW PROPOSAL OF LAST FALL AS A SUBJECT WHICH FELL UNDER THE RUBRIC OF MDW AND SUGGESTED A JOINT WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS RW IN THE CONTEXT OF MDW. ONE MEETING OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP WAS HELD IN EARLY MAY THE PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENT THAT CAME OUT OF THAT MEETING WAS A SOVIET EXPRESSION OF READINESS TO NEGOTIATE A SEPARATE AGREEMENT ON RW. WHILE THE US HAS STATED THAT AN RW AGREEMENT SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN AN APPROPRIATE MULTILATERAL FORUM, WE HAVE NOT YET INDICATED THAT WE

ARE READY TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE TEXT OF AN APPROPRIATE DOCUMENT.

AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH EXPERTS ON MDW IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 8-12. THERE IS A PRESUMPTION THAT THIS MEETING WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY US-USSR BILATERALS ON RW. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT WE WILL HAVE ANYTHING NEW TO SAY ABOUT MDW BY THAT DATE. IF ASKED, THE DELEGATION MAY SAY THAT OUR VIEWS ON MDW ARE WELL KNOWN AT THIS POINT BUT THAT WE ARE WILLING TO SEND AN EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT. THIS WILLINGNESS DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT OF THE SOVIET MDW PROPOSAL BUT SIMPLY REFLECTS OUR LONGSTANDING PRACTICE OF CONTRIBUTING TO TECHNICAL EXAMINATION OF A WIDE  
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RANGE OF ISSUES AT THE CCD. THE USG HAS NOT TAKEN ANY POLICY DECISION ON THE FEASIBILITY OR DESIRABILITY OF PLACING FORMAL RESTRAINTS ON NEW MDW. LIKEWISE, IN REGARD TO RW, WE HAVE TAKEN NO POLICY DECISION ON HOW BEST TO PLACE FORMAL RESTRAINTS ON RW.

6. SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP - INSTRUCTIONS FOR US PARTICIPATION IN THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP WILL BE CONVEYED SEPTTEL.

7. CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS - CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS IS NOT AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF THE SUMMER SESSION OF THE CCD. HOWEVER, US HAS RECENTLY DESCRIBED ITS NEW POLICY IN THIS AREA TO ALL COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAS RELATIONS. THERE COULD BE, THEREFORE, REFERENCES TO THE NEW POLICY IN STATEMENTS IN PLENARY SESSIONS AS WELL AS PRIVATE REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

THE BASIC POLICY WAS SET FORTH IN A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT OF MARCH 19, 1977, AND WAS ELABORATED IN STATE TELEGRAM 115244. THE FOUR SALIENT FEATURES ARE: (1) THE BURDEN OF PROOF IS NOW PLACED ON THOSE WHO ADVOCATE WEAPONS SALES RATHER THAN THOSE WHO OPPOSE THEM; (2) THERE WILL BE A CEILING ON THE CONSTANT DOLLAR LEVELS OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) TRANSFERS (NOT TO EXCEED THE FY 77 LEVEL) AND A COMMITMENT TO REDUCE THE OVERALL LEVEL; (3) THERE WILL BE NEW CONTROLS IN THE AREA OF TRANSFER OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND CO-PRODUCTION; AND (4) THERE ARE NEW REGULATIONS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE USG AND PRIVATE FIRMS WHICH REQUIRE POLICY LEVEL APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BEFORE ANY ACTIONS ARE TAKEN WHICH MIGHT STIMULATE REQUESTS FOR ARMS. BALANCING THESE RESTRAINTS ARE COMMITMENTS TO CONTINUE PRESENT RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATO ALLIES, THE ANZUS COUNTRIES, JAPAN

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AND TO HONOUR OUR HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL. FURTHERMORE, THE PRESIDENT STRESSED THAT ACTUAL REDUCTIONS IN ARMS TRAFFIC WILL REQUIRE MULTILATERAL COOPERATION.

AT THE MOSCOW MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY VANCE AND THE SOVIET LEADERS, IT WAS AGREED TO SET UP A JOINT WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS. THIS GROUP HAS NOT YET MET BUT IS LIKELY TO DO SO IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

DELEGATION SHOULD TAKE POSITION IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION THAT THESE NEW REGULATIONS ARE EVIDENCE OF SERIOUS US INTENT TO CURB THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE. IT IS A UNILATERAL ACTION TAKEN BY THE US AS THE PRINCIPAL EXPORTER OF ARMS. WE HOPE THIS EXAMPLE WILL HELP STIMULATE MULTILATERAL ACTION IN THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER AREA. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT AT THIS TIME PLAN TO PROPOSE ANY INITIATIVES IN THE CCD RELATING TO CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS. ANY PROPOSALS BY OTHER NATIONS ALONG THESE LINES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON.

COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM - THE REACTION OF NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS TO A POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT ON PRIORITY ISSUES (I.E., CTB AND CW) AT THE CCD THIS SUMMER IS APT TO TAKE THE FORM OF INCREASED PRESSURE TO RKO; A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP), AS OUTLINED IN THE NIGERIAN WORKING PAPER (CCD/510) INTRODUCED DURING THE 1976 SUMMER SESSION. IN AN EFFORT TO PRODUCE TANGIBLE PROOF OF CCD MOVEMENT TOWARD THE GOAL OF THE DISARMAMENT DECADE, GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, THE GROUP OF 15 MAY PUSH TO ESTABLISH

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A SMALL WORKING GROUP OR AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AND ULTIMATELY DRAFT A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM CALLED FOR IN UNGA RESOLUTION 31/68. SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD PROBABLY BE DESIGNED TO STRUCTURE AND CHANNEL PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT WITHIN A SOMEWHAT RIGID FRAMEWORK AND TIMETABLE. SOME CCD MEMBERS, NOTABLY NIGERIA BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VALUABLE TO HAVE A CNP TO PRESENT AT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA WHICH COULD ARTICULATE THE PURPOSE OF THE CCD AND POSSIBLY JUSTIFY CCD'S EXISTENCE.

MANY CCD MEMBERS (US AMONG THEM) FEEL THE 1961 JOINT STATEMENT OF AGREED PRINCIPLES TO BE AN ADEQUATE AND

SATISFACTORY SET OF GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMITTEE. OTHERS (INDIA AMONG THEM) SUPPORT THE 1961 PRINCIPLES AS A FOUNDATION AND BELIEVE A CNP COULD BE DEVELOPED AND ELABORATED ON THE BASIS OF THE 1961 JOINT STATEMENT. STILL OTHERS FEEL THAT THE JOINT STATEMENT IS TOO BROAD AND VAGUE AND NEEDS TO BE REINFORCED BY A SPECIFIC PLAN OF ACTION WHICH WOULD DETAIL GOALS, PRINCIPLES, PRIORITIES, MEASURES, ETC. NIGERIA HAS SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES WHICH MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN A CNP: SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY OF ALL STATES; RECOGNITION OF THE INTERESTS OF ALL STATES IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS; USE OF DEMOCRATIC METHODS IN CCD; INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.

US POSITION HAS NOT ALTERED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM SPRING 1977. IN GENERAL, WE WISH TO UNDERSCORE THAT THE US AND USSR ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED ON CCD'S PRIORITY ISSUES OF CTB AND CW, AND AVOID PRECIPITATING A NON-ALIGNED REACTION ON THE CNP ISSUE. US DEL SHOULD SET POSITIVE AND CO-OPERATIVE TONE IN ANY DISCUSSIONS OF CNP, REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT ANY SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS (I.E., REVISING CCD AGENDA, SETTING PRIORITIES, ESTABLISHING CONFIDENTIAL

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"DEADLINES," ETC.). WITH REGARD TO REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA AND ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES, WE BELIEVE THE 1968 PROVISIONAL AGENDA IS AN ADEQUATE AND USEFUL WORKING

TOOL WHICH DESCRIBES THE VARIETY OF DISARMAMENT TOPICS APPROPRIATE FOR CCD CONSIDERATION. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT A PERFECT DOCUMENT AND, THEREFORE, WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT PROVIDED THEY PRESERVE THE CCD'S FLEXIBILITY TO DISCUSS THE BROAD RANGE OF DISARMAMENT TOPICS WITHOUT PREDETERMINING THE RESULTS OF SUCH DEBATES. DEL IS AUTHORIZED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF FORMALLY SETTING CCD PRIORITIES WITH OTHER DELS AND SHOULD REPORT ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO DEPARTMENT. WITH REGARD TO ESTABLISHING NEGOTIATING "DEADLINES," DEL SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT USG BELIEVES SETTING "DEADLINES" FOR THE COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON SPECIFIC TOPICS TO BE INAPPROPRIATE AND CONSTITUTES AN INFRINGEMENT ON THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF STATES TO AGREE OR NOT TO AGREE TO ANY SPECIFIC UNDERTAKING. HOWEVER, DEL MAY INDICATE THAT WE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO SETTING TARGET DATES (E.G., CCD WORK SCHEDULE) FOR CONCLUDING DISCUSSIONS IN CCD INFORMAL MEETINGS ON PARTICULAR TOPICS. ANY PROPOSALS TO REVISE CCD'S WORKING METHODS (I.E., ALLOCATING TOPICS TO SPECIFIC MEETINGS, CREATING A PERMANENT NEGOTIATING BODY, SCHEDULING INFORMAL MEETINGS) SHOULD BE REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT. FOR MORE DETAILED BACKGROUND AND GUIDANCE DEL MAY DRAW AS

APPROPRIATE ON CLEARED POSITION PAPER ON CNP DTD 1/27/77.  
FINALLY DEL SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT, REGARDLESS OF  
CCD DISCUSSIONS ON THESE ISSUES, SAME OR SIMILAR  
INITIATIVES REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM  
ARE ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE BROUGHT UP DURING UNGA SPECIAL  
SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) IN MAY-JUNE 1978. US  
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POSITION ON CNP DURING CCD SHOULD NOT PREJUDGE US  
POSITION AT SSOD.

9. UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) - THE FOURTH  
ITEM ON THE AGREED AGENDA FOR THE UN SPECIAL SESSION  
ON DISARMAMENT CONCERNS THE ROLE OF THE UN IN THE  
DISARMAMENT PROCESS. BY IMPLICATION IT ALSO INCLUDES  
THE POSSIBILITY OF RESTRUCTURING THE CCD AND STRENGTHENING  
THE CCD'S RELATNSHIP TO THE UN. IT WOULD BE USEFUL  
TO KNOW THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER CCD MEMBERS ON THE ROLE  
OF THE CCD WITH RESPECT TO THE SSOD. THE USDEL SHOULD  
THEREFORE PROBE OTHER DELEGATIONS FOR THEIR INTEREST  
IN HOLDING CCD INFORMAL MEETINGS TO CONSIDER CCD  
PREPARATIONS FOR THE SSOD. THE USDEL SHOULD ALSO DISCUSS  
WITH SOVIET DEL POSSIBILITY OF SUBMITTING SUCH AN  
INITIATIVE TO CCD AS A CO-CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL. BEST  
DATES WOULD BE AUGUST 22-26 8R JUL; 25-,9.

SHOULD SUCH MEETINGS BE AGREED TO, DEPARTMENT WOULD  
SUPPLY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR USDEL FOR THESE INFORMALS.

10. CCD PROCEDURES - THE CCD IS UNLIKELY TO PUSH FOR  
CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF THE COMMITTEE'S PROCEDURES  
DURING THE 1977 SUMMER SESSION OF "DECISION ON CERTAIN  
PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON DISARMAMENT" (CCD/532) WHICH PROVIDES PROVISIONAL  
GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING AD HOC WORKING GROUPS TO  
FACILITATE NEGOTIATION OF TEXTS OF AGREEMENTS AND OTHER  
DOCUMENTS, PERMANENTLY DESIGNATES THE SECRETARIAT AS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THE CCD'S ANNUAL REPORT TO  
THE UNITED NATIONS, PROVIDES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CCD  
PLENARY VERBATIMS IN NEW YORK AS READY, AND FORMALLY  
PROVIDES FOR EXPANDED COMMUNIQUE OF CCD PLENARY SESSIONS.  
HOWEVER, IF IT APPEARS THAT PROCEDURAL ISSUES WILL BE  
RESURRECTED AS A PRESSURE TACTIC AGAINST CO-CHAIRMAN  
FOR NOT MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS ON SUBSTANTIVE  
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ISSUES, DEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE SUCH A MOVE AS  
UNNECESSARY AND UNTIMELY IN LIGHT OF RECENT CCD ACTION  
IN PROCEDURAL AREA. HOWEVER, DEL SHOULD NOT TAKE  
INFLEXIBLE STAND AGAINST CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS. IN SUCH



A CASE, POSITION PAPER ON REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES, DATED FEBRUARY 17, 1976, IS STILL VALID AND SHOULD PROVIDE DEL WITH ADEQUATE, DETAILED GUIDANCE DESIGNED TO LIMIT POSSIBLE CHANGES IN CCD ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES THAT WOULD MAKE THE CCD LESS ATTRACTIVE TO US AS A NEGOTIATING FORUM. DEL SHOULD REPORT ANY SUGGESTIONS AND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS.

11. ENMOD RATIFICATION - IF ASKED, DELEGATION MAY INDICATE THAT WE ANTICIPATE FORWARDING THE ENMOD CONVENTION TO THE SENATE AT SOME TIME IN THE LATTER PART OF THIS YEAR, BUT THAT WE CANNOT PREDICT WHEN RATIFICATION HEARINGS WILL BE HELD. (FYI: THE TYPE OF DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION REQUIRED BY THE ENMOD CONVENTION IS UNDER STUDY, AND ANY SUCH DRAFT LEGISLATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS AT THE TIME THE CONVENTION IS FORWARDED TO THE SENATE. END FYI).

12. TTBT/PNET RATIFICATION - IF ASKED, DELEGATION MAY INDICATE THAT WE FORWARDED THE TRRESHOLD TEST BAN TRE;TY AND TREATY PROHIBITING NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES TO THE SENATE JULY 29, 1976, BUT THAT WE CANNOT PREDICT WHEN RATIFICATION HEARINGS WILL BE COMPLETED. CHRISTOPHER

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